

Summary of Public Hearing Comments

Rolling Road Widening Project

VDOT Project 0638-029-156, P104, R204, C504 Federal Project # STP-5401(691)

On June 12, 2008 an open forum public hearing was held for the referenced project. A total of 103 persons submitted comments. A public hearing comment sheet was available for providing comments, and mailed & emailed comments were also received. An announcement was made at the public hearing that a court reporter would be provided for anyone who requested one, but no such requests were made. The comment period lasted ten calendar days, from June 12 through June 22, 2008.

A brief summary of the public hearing comments is given below:

SUPPORT FOR PROJECT

21 people indicated support the project.

36 people did not support the project

ON-STREET PARKING

17 people indicated support for on-street parking

14 people did not support on-street parking

8 people indicated that they lived in a home that will have on-street parking in front of it.

18 people indicated that they do not live in a home that will have on-street parking in front of it.

WIDE CURB LANES

25 people indicated support for on-road bicycle provisions/wide curb lanes

16 people did not support on-road bicycle provisions/wide curb lanes

8-FOOT WIDE TRAIL

17 people indicated support for an 8-foot wide trail

10 people indicated that they do not support an 8-foot wide trail

Many other comments were received that pertained to a wide variety of issues. Those issues are given below, ranked in order of the number of comments received for any given topic.

15 – reduce speed to 30 miles per hour

13 – cancel the project

12 - Rolling Road is not congested at the present time or is not sufficiently congested to warrant the project

12 – utilities should be placed underground

11 – project does not benefit the neighborhood/property values will decrease

9 – sound walls are needed

8 – construct “southern segment” of Rolling Road widening first (near Saratoga & EPG)

7 – widened road will attract new traffic

7 – property/right-of-way impacts should be decreased

8 – construct a signal at Viola St.

6 – BRAC/Ft. Belvoir expansion will not increase traffic along Rolling Road

6 – provide for full access (left turns) at Sunoco station/shopping center across near Old Keene Mill Rd.

5 – for those houses having driveways along Rolling Road, provide turnarounds in front yards or provide double-wide driveways

4 – provide vehicle refuge at Kenwood Dr. for left-turning vehicles

3 – funds should be spent on mass transit instead of road improvements

3 – build only trails & sidewalks, but do not widen Rolling Road

3 – VDOT’s traffic studies are flawed/traffic projections are incorrect

3 – provide better pedestrian crossings (wider medians and more crosswalks)

3 – allow left turns at entrance to Rhygate townhouses

2 – provide signal or flashing warning sign at Greeley Road

2 – improve interchange at Rolling Rd. and Fairfax County Parkway

2 – include improvements at Hunter Village Drive as a part of the project

2 – widen road only at intersection with Greeley Road, and provide a left turn lane

2 – reduce or eliminate truck traffic on Rolling Road

2 – drainage improvements are needed

2 – provide two left turn lanes at Old Keene Mill Road

2 – there are no existing bicyclists that use Rolling Road, so bicycle facilities are not warranted

1 - road should be for residents, not commuters

1 – provide for more bus stops

1 – only one walkway is needed, not two

1 – do not destroy trees

1 – install more signals along Rolling Road

1 – construct dedicated right turn lane at Old Keene Mill Road

1 – wide curb lanes should have “sharrow” markings

1 – proposed sound wall at Winter Forest subdivision will block sidewalk & bus stop

1 – there should total takes of homes (displacements) instead of just taking front yards

1 – install signal at Bellamy St.

1 – consider building alternative, low-impact storm water management facilities

There were also many comments stating that there were many potholes and patches on existing Rolling Road, and that Rolling Road should be better maintained